

April 2, 2017

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Mon.-Fri.

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am

Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:45 am & 6:00pm

CONFESSION

Saturday:

10:00 am-11:00 am*

St. Joseph Church
or by appointment

*Please note: confession
schedule does not apply
during some liturgical
seasons.

PRAYER TIMES

Adoration

M-F 4-5:00 pm

Sat 3-3:30 pm

Sun 4-4:30 pm

Evening Prayer & Benediction

M-F 5:00 pm

Sat 3:30 pm

Sun 4:30 pm



**Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and
everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.**

Do you believe this?”

-John 11:25-26

“Jesus wept.”

“Jesus wept.” The shortest verse in the Bible. But in its straightforward simplicity, it pierces right through our hearts. What an experience it will be to behold the tears of our Savior! And we can be certain if He weeps for Lazarus, He certainly will weep for us.

The death of a friend, Lazarus, plus seeing the grief in Martha and Mary might seem reason enough for Jesus to weep. He understood the pain of man first hand – when we are suffering, he suffers with us. And I believe it is more painful for him because in his heart he knew that His Father, who created the world, intended it to be perfect, free from sin and its consequence, death.

While nothing in life is more certain than death, yet, many people ask, “Why?” or “What happens now?” So that in today’s gospel Martha speaks for mankind in her conversations with Jesus. Her sorrow for the death of a loved one underscores the universal helplessness of man in the face of death. But it paved the way for Jesus self-revelation “I am the resurrection and the life.” And He meant here and now. He proved this by raising Lazarus from the dead there and then.

As followers of Jesus, we believe in the resurrection of the dead; that death is not the end of everything. Rather, it is just a passage into eternal life and that the life hereafter. But less we forget that even before we speak of life hereafter, we must know what it means to live our lives now with the grace that God provides for us daily.

Jesus as our Life and Resurrection gives meaning to our pains, trials and even death. When we accept all these in faith and love, then our many other deaths acquire a special meaning. For when we center our life in Jesus, when we begin to die to our selfishness and live for others, then Jesus will be glorified in us.

During the season of Lent, the Church invites us to die to ourselves -- the only way for Jesus to become our Life and Resurrection. Then our resurrection from our many other deaths will not come as a surprise when Easter comes.

encounter *Lent*

Encounter ourselves.
Encounter our neighbors.
Encounter our God.

ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God’s kingdom?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Care for God's

Creation

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Care for

God's Creation, we remember that God created every plant, every mountaintop, every animal-everything. And God said that these things are good.

We find God in these good things, and so we must take care of creation—both for ourselves and for all of our



ST. JOSEPH

PRAY FOR US!

Parish Mission Statement

Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a Parish and School community. Together as disciples of Jesus Christ we seek fullness of life. Blessed with diversity of cultures and gifted with the spirit of Aloha, we pledge to become stewards of our time, talent and treasure by sharing our heritage and our faith and commit ourselves to the full development of all people. With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

Island-wide Chrism Mass 2017



Deacon Joe Aliga from Holy Rosary, Pahala



Most Reverend Bishop Larry Silva delivers a beautiful homily.



Bishop Larry Silva asks the priests of the Big Island to renew their priestly promises.



Bishop Larry Silva then turns to the assembly and asks the people to pray for he and his fellow priests.



The oils are presented to the bishop. First the Oil of the Sick, then the Oil of the Catechumen & finally, the Oil of Chrism. Bishop Larry Silva blesses each oil as they are presented to him. He then prays over the large container of olive oil; adds Balsam oil to it and breathes on the oil making it the Holy Chrism oil. This oil is used for sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.



Members of the **Bible Sharing** ministry assist by distributing the Chrism oil to all the parishes on the Big Island.



The hosting parish receives their oils and are placed immediately into the ambry. The liturgy of the Eucharist completes the evening and the celebration ends. Next year, West Hawaii parishes will host the annual Chrism mass.



Rice Bowls will be collected on
April 9, 16 & 23 at every mass.

Just bring them to mass?
Or drop them off at the rectory office

On **Friday, April 7th from 2pm - 5pm** pulling a group together to wash and clean palms in preparation for Palm Sunday.

Volunteers needed to assist us.
Join us on that day & bring a friend!



Aloha!

Though the House Health Committee agreed unanimously to defer SB1129 till next session, the proponents, especially the richly-funded Compassion and Choices group, aka Hemlock Society, is on an all-out phone campaign for the Speaker of the House, Rep. Joseph Souki to force a floor vote this session.

We must counter this move by on calling our representatives to stand firm with the Health Committee's decision to defer till the next session. If you cannot get through, please leave a message. Also, notify your friends and family to call as well.



Rep Chris Todd is our representative in District 2,(Keaukaha,Hilo, Panaewa, Waiakea)
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Rep. Mark Nakashima represents Districts 1 (North and South Hilo, Hamakua)
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**CALL YOUR
STATE REP
TODAY**



Mahalo! -Dr. Woo

SERVICE



A handful of our St. Joseph's parishioners attended this Retreat at Sacred Hearts Church in Pahoa last month in February and it was conducted by Kristina M. De Neve. They wanted to replicate the same experiences they shared to our parish. **"Discovering My Experience of God" mini-Lenten Retreat gathered about 19 parishioners on Monday,**

March 27 from 5-8pm. They reflected on where God had inserted himself in their lives. They used their personal reflections and transformed them into summaries of their faith experiences. With these written summaries, each person shared with a partner things they discovered about their faith journey. Each person developed a witness story that flows from one's individual experiences as a committed and believing Catholic. The more aware people are of God working in their lives the more likely they are to share their faith story with others.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY-APRIL 23, 2017

1:30pm: Adoration | 2pm: Rosary

2:45pm: Divine Mercy Service
Prayers of Mercy
Divine Mercy Chaplet

*"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you.
 Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death."*



Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a 9-day Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday.

He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, at the beginning of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Booklets with these prayers will be available in the resource rack in the back of the church.

Please take one to pray the novena at home.

Sunday, April 2

Ez 37:12-14

Ps 130:1-8

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

Monday, April 3

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

Ps 23:1-6

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, April 4

Nm 21:4-9

Ps 102:2-3, 16-21

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 5

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

(Ps) Dn 3:52-56

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 6

Gn 17:3-9

Ps 105:4-9

Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 7

Jer 20:10-13

Ps 18:2-7

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 8

Ez 37:21-28

(Ps) Jer 31:10-13

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 9

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14—27:66

*Eternal rest grant unto them
 O Lord and let your
 perpetual light shine
 upon them.*

+ Victoria Ah Choy



"My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet."

PRAYER



National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The bishops of the United States are committed to their Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal to parishes. Through the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, dioceses have put in place effective policies for safeguarding the most vulnerable. Learn how you can take part in ensuring children and vulnerable adults are kept safe in your own communities and beyond with these three easy steps this April.

Pray

Prayer is the most important way you can help the Church most effectively offer healing to survivors of abuse, seek reconciliation with affected communities, and protect children. Use this prayer card alone or with your parish to pray for victims of abuse.

Participate

Contact your diocesan or parish safe environment coordinator to see how you can help train adults and children to prevent and report abuse. The National

Center for Missing and Exploited Children also has resources. . . to help you train your children. Take these steps to create a safe environment in your parish and at home.

Report abuse and its warning signs to your diocese and law enforcement. You can also report online threats and solicitations through the NCMEC CyberTipline. . .

Take part in liturgies for the healing of victims. Learn more from your diocesan victim assistance coordinator.

Promote

Learn more about the USCCB's efforts to protect and heal by reading the Annual Report on the Implementation of the Charter.

Ask your pastor if you can distribute these printable posters, brochures, and other resources in your parish. You can also share them on social media.

Read about the ongoing work of the Holy See. . . and the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.



“Christian joy does not arise on the fringes of reality, by ignoring it or acting as if it did not exist. Christian joy is born from a call - the same call that Saint Joseph received - to embrace and protect human life especially that of the holy innocents of our own day.” -Pope Francis, 28 December 2016, Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to Bishops on the Feast of the Holy Innocents

**Sunday RE Classes will hold
safe environment lessons for students
and families on**

April 23 at 10:15-11:15 am.

***Parents are able preview the lessons
on Sunday April 9, 10:15-11:15 am.***

**Contact Chrislyn Villena at
cvillena@stjoehilo.com
for more information.**

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 3

6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)/Library

Tuesday, April 4

6:30 pm Novena Rosary/Church

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena/
Church

Wednesday, April 5

6:00 pm PPAC Meeting/Mtg. Room

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, April 6

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

Friday, April 7

2:00 pm Palm Leaf Cleaning/Mtg. Room

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, April 8

8:00 am "NAMI" Family-to-Family Classes/
Mtg. Room

8:15 am Church Cleaners #6 (C. Lantano)/
Church

9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library

10:00 am Reconciliation/Church

5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry/Library

Sunday, April 9 "Palm Sunday"

10:15 am Sunday R E Classes/SJHS

	Week (3/21-3/28)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	7,481.25	368,812.32	406,370.94
All Other Income	3,743.61	269,422.11	250,774.03
Deposited to Bank	11,224.86	638,234.43	657,144.97
Parish Hall	423.25	Parish Savings	
		Loan to school	50,000.00
		Designated Funds	474,119.66
		Restricted Funds	411,802.07
			935,921.73

PRAYER PILLAR RECOLLECTION

THIS IS OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED

The theme of this recollection is "The Discipline of Lent". Lent is a time to truly challenge ourselves on our faith journey as we prepare for Easter. Having the necessary discipline and self control will allow us to deepen our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. By gathering at this event, we will develop a renewed perspective of the Cross as we enter into Holy Week.

Saturday, April 8, 2017 at St. Joseph School Gym

Schedule:

- * 7 AM - Mass followed by morning prayer at church
- * 8 AM-Continental Breakfast at St. Joseph School Gym
(Pls. bring fruits, carbohydrates such as bagels, bread, do nuts, etc and drinks to share).
- * 9 AM to 2 PM - RECOLLECTION WITH LUNCH BREAK (Pls. bring your own brown bag lunch)
- * 230 PM Evaluation of Ministries Changes

FOR ATTENDANCE,

Please call or text Linda Embornate @ 938-1631;
Linda Villena. @ 557-1492;
Laureen Salboro @987-7351; Leah Ogden @ 443-6959

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend we are taking up a collection for the "Repair & Maintenance" of our parish. Your donations help with the upkeep of the grounds and structures on the property. We appreciate your generosity, thank you.

Holy Triduum Schedule

- ♦ Holy Thursday, 7:00 pm:
 - ♦ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
- ♦ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm:
 - ♦ Liturgy of the Word;
 - ♦ Adoration of the Holy Cross;
 - ♦ Holy Communion

- ♦ Easter Vigil, Saturday, 7:00 pm
- ♦ Easter Sunday masses: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:45 am, 6:00 pm

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Invite Someone New to Our Parish

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MAY 13, 2017**



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935-1465.**